GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ONGC EXPLORATION IN WESTERN COAST
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a): whether ONGC is conducting exploration in different regions including the Western Coast (Daman) to locate the gas reserves;

(b): if so, the number of wells on which drilling operations have started, and the estimated quantity of gas reserves likely to be struck there; and

(c): the details of long term plan in respect of oil exploration by ONGC?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS(SHRI RAM NAIK)
(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.
STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 173 TO BE ANSWERE 25.7.2002 REGARDING ONGC EXPLORATION IN WESTERN COAST

(a): Exploration activities are continuing in different regions, including the Daman offshore in western coast, for locating oil and gas reserves.

(b): In follow up of its exploration programme for oil and gas, in July, 2002, exploratory drilling was in progress in 39 wells and during the year 2002-03 Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) plans to drill 153 exploratory wells.

The success of exploration effort is probabilistic in nature. ONGC`s projected accretion of reserves during the period 2002-03 is 40 Million Metric Tonne of oil & oil equivalent of gas, of which about 35% are anticipated to be gas reserves.

(c): ONGC plans to carry out exploration during the X Plan by acquiring 35,286 Line Kilometer(LK)/Ground Line Kilometer(GLK) of 2D and 34,834 square kilometer of 3D seismic data and drilling of 561 exploratory wells. The planned expenditure for seismic survey and exploratory drilling during this period is Rs. 8,650 crore.